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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Twenty-two cross-word puzzle competitions are at present conducted in this State."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—"நமது ராஜ்யத்திலே குறுக்கெழுத்துப் போட்டியை நடத்தும் கம்பெனிகளின் எண்ணிக்கை அதிகமாகிக்கொண்டிருக்கின்றன. அந்தக் கம்பெனிகளை ஒழிப்பதற்குச் சட்டம் கொண்டுவரப் போவதாக கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் ஒரு வருஷத்திற்கு முனனேயே சொன்னார்கள். ஆனால் அது சம்பந்தமாக மத்திய சர்க்காரும் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கவில்லை. நம் ராஜ்ய சர்க்காரும் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கவில்லை. ஆகவே இனியாவது மத்திய சர்க்கார் இது சம்பந்தமாக நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கும்படி நமது சர்க்கார் ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்களா ? அல்லது நம் சர்க்காரே அந்தக் கம்பெனிகளைத் தடை செய்யும்படியான ஒரு சட்டத்தைக் கொண்டு வருவார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have already answered this question on many occasions."

SRI P. CHELLATHURAI :—"குறுக்கெழுத்துப் போட்டியில் ஈடுபட்டதன் காரணத்தாலே தனது சொத்துக்கள் யாவையும் இழந்த ஒருவர் தற்கொலை புரிந்து கொண்டார் என்று சில நாளைக்கு முன்னதாகப் பத்திரிகையில் வெளிவந்த செய்தியை கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் அறிவார்களா ? அவ்விதம் அறிந்திருந்தால் குறுக்கெழுத்துப் போட்டியாகிய அந்தச் சனியனை ஒழிப்பதற்கு உடனடியாக சர்க்கார் நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I hope that incident would serve as a lesson to others also deterring them from participating in these competitions. But as far as taking action is concerned, I have already made the position of this Government quite clear."

SRI P. S. RANGASAMI NAIDU :—" In view of the fact that the running of these crossword puzzle competitions is very profitable, will the Government come forward to conduct these competitions themselves? " (Laughter.)

Improvement of city water-supply.

* 380 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the amount sanctioned by the Government this year to the Corporation of Madras for the improvement of water facilities to the citizens?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Rupees two lakhs and forty thousand, Sir."

Provision of mechanical filters for the City Water-supply Scheme.

* 381 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have given any loan to the Corporation of Madras to replace the existing filters by mechanical filters in the City Water-supply Scheme?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Not yet, Sir,"

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SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" May I know whether any grant will be given to the Corporation for the replacement of the automatic filters? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Government have sanctioned plans and estimates for Rs. 25 lakhs submitted by the Corporation for the installation of rapid mechanical filters with a capacity of 10 million gallons per day for effecting improvements in the quality and quantity of filtered water supplied in Madras City."

Pro-Pakistan slogans in the district board elections in Malabar.

* 382 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the slogan " Pakistan Zindabad " was raised in some jathas and processions organized in connexion with the recent district board elections in Malabar and how the Government dealt with them?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" On enquiries, it is found that there is no material to substantiate the allegation."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Have the Government received resolutions touching upon this matter from Congress organizations and municipalities dominated by the Congress in Malabar? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" No such resolution was received, Sir."

Repairs to Government Hospital, Kozhikode.

* 383 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the amount spent by the Government in repairing the quarters for Male Nursing Orderlies and Sanitary Workers of the Government Hospital, Kozhikode, recently to prevent the flow of water into the rooms on account of rains?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The estimated cost of repairs to the quarters of totis, was Rs. 3,200. Since the work has not yet been measured and billed for, the actual amount incurred cannot be said. No repairs have been done to the quarters of Nursing Orderlies."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" The quarters have been constructed at a very low level. That is why the water flows into the rooms. Therefore may I know whether the Government have taken any steps against the engineer who has given a wrong plan to construct the building and whether the Government will provide the staff with free quarters? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The hon. Gentleman may give notice of a separate question."